Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I claim notice.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is the Chief Engineer aware that, between two culverts which are only about half a furlong apart, the level of the road is more than about 7 feet below the level of the culvert ?

President : That is nothing very uncommon in Travancore (*Laughter.*)

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : The students of the locality are experiencing very great difficulty on account of the ascent. It is also very dangerous.

President : What is your point, exactly ? You want the level of the road to be raised as early as possible ?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Metalling the W. F. road from the 8th to the 16th mile.

121. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the W. F. road from the 8th to the 16th mile from Muvattupuzha still remains unmetalled ;

(*b*) when the W. F. road as far as the 8th mile was metalled ;

(*c*) whether there is not great cart traffic throughout the W. F. road ; and

(*d*) what will be the total amount realised from the Mamala chowkey at the extremity of the W. F. road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) The 8th mile has been metalled. The rest of the road from the 9th to the 16th mile remains unmetalled.

(*b*) 8th mile was metalled in 1110. The exact date when the other portion was metalled is not known.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Customs duty collected during the last five years is given below :

	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1105	69,271	13	7
1106	80,195	26	4
1107	54;652	13	12
1108	59,093	3	2
1109	59,625	17	7

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : With reference to part (*d*), may I know whether the Government will take up the metalling of the whole road as early as possible ?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That relates to future action, Sir.

President : You can say that that will be done as funds permit.

Raising the level of certain lands in Kumarakam.

122. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any petitions have been received for raising the level of some pieces of land in view of the safety of cattle, etc., of Kumarakam in times of flood ; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken in regard to that?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate received from the Chief Engineer is under the consideration of Government.

Industrial loans.

123. ***Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of existing industrial loans till the 1st Chingam 1110 ;

(*b*) the number of industrial loans granted during the year till the end of Mithunam 1110 ;

(*c*) the number of institutions which have taken industrial loans and which were inspected by the department during the year ;

(*d*) the result of the inspection ;

(*e*) whether any action has been taken accordingly ;

(*f*) the amount allotted during the year in the budget for industrial loans ;

(*g*) the balance amount not given away till the end of Mithunam ; and

(*h*) the amount that may lapse during the year.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) 113.

(*b*) 3.

(*c*) 116 institutions have taken industrial loans and 10 were inspected by the department during the year.

(*d*) In some cases the industrial concerns for which loans were granted were found not working properly and the parties had defaulted repayment of the industrial loans. In other cases, the parties had applied for extensions of time for the payment of instalments due and enquiries were made whether such extensions of time could be given.

(*e*) Steps were taken for the recovery of arrears of instalments due or outstanding balance amount of the loan as the case may be.

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